

ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-11 are allowed. This action is in response to the Remarks and Amended Claims filed on October 9, 2007, in which Applicant amended claims 1-2, 4 and 6.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the elected invention is free of the prior art and the form of the application is acceptable. The closest prior art is Blasco, et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,105,664, which discloses similar compounds. The difference between the compounds of the reference and the instant compounds is that the instant compounds require that R₂ be C₃-C₁₀-alkynyl whereas in the equivalent position the compounds of the reference have a carbon atom branching off to R₁ and R₃ which cannot form the required C₃-C₁₀-alkynyl of the instant compounds.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Erich A. Leaser whose telephone number is 571-272-9932. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

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